THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) No Sir, it has not benn decided in the Planning Commission to terminate all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes concerning Education, Agriculture and Animal Husnbandry, nor is there any such proposal. However, a Committee of the National Development Council on Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) has been set up under the chirmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Terms of Reference of the Committee are :

1. To identify the CSS for retention by the Centre and those for transfer to the States/UTs and to classify all the CSS accordingly.
2. For those CSS which will be identified for transfer to the States/UTs, suggest the modalities of transfer including earmarking, the funding pattern, the time-frame for the transfer and the monitoring mechanism.
3. In order to avoid future proliferation of CSS lay down the criteria for the introducation of new CSS.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Consumer Price Index for Workers

*558. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to states:

(a) the annual percentage, variation in Consumer Price Index for industrial workers and agricultural labourers during the period 1990-91 and 2000-2001; separately;

(b) the annual percentage variation in wages of industrial workers and agricultural labourers for the same period separately;

(c) whether there exists any discrepancy in relation to wage increase and price in indices of industrial workers and agricultural labourers and minimum wages for the unorganised workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The average annual increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) for industrial workers between the period 1990-91 and 2000-01 has been 13.0% and that of agricultural workers 12.4%.

(b) As per available data, the average annual increase in the wages (at current prices) of industrial worker based on the statistics contained in the

Annual Survey of Indestries, works out to be 10.8% between the period 1990-91 and 1998-99.

As per the Economic Survey 2000-01, the average annual increase in real wages (i.e. wages at current prices deflated by CPI for agricultural labour) for unskilled agricultural labour works out to 2.72% during the period 1992-93 through 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) The average annual increase in the minimum wages (at current prices) for unskilled agricultural labour in the central sphere works out to 65.34% and that for non-agricultural workers 17.66% between the period 1988 and 1998. The increase in the minimum wages is thus higher than the percentage increase in actual wages as well as consumer price indices both for industrial and agricultural workers.

Kumarakom package to Kerala

* 559. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the offers made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister during his stay at "Kumarakom package to Kerala";

(b) whether these offers in the Kumarakom package are complied with;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) The Prime Minister during his visit to Kerala on 26-12-2000 made offers to raise the Minimum Support Price of copra, set up Coconut Technology Mission, procure rubber at higher prices, allow more foreign airlines to operate from Cochin International Airport, provide clearance for Vallarpadam Container trans shipment terminal, doubling of rail lines between Ernakulam and Kayamukulam, development of tourism in the State and help the State in software development.

(b) and (c) Minimum Support Price for 2001 season has been enhanced for copra. Keeping in view the continuing decline in prices of natural Rubber, Department of Commerce, has already authorized State Trading Corporation to purchase on indent basis Natural Rubber to the extent of 20,000 tonnes to be supplied to Advance Licence Holders. For encouraging international flights